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Re: U.S. Application No.: 09 849,529
Filed: May 7, 2001
Title: *Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other Molecules Associated with
Plants*
Inventors: FINCHER, Karen L., *et al.*
Atty. Docket: 16517.247

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. Information Disclosure Statement;
2. PTO Form-1449 (1 page) with 8 accompanying documents; and
3. a return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the filing date of these documents and returned to our courier.

As the accompanying Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to the first action on the merits, Applicants do not believe that any fees are due in conjunction with this filing. If any fees are due in conjunction with this filing the Commissioner is authorized to charge the fees to Arnold & Porter deposit account 50-1824, referencing matter number 16517.247.

Respectfully submitted,

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

The attention of the Examiner is invited to the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are attached.

It is respectfully requested that the information above be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

CERTIFICATION AND/OR FEE

Because this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted prior to issuance of the first action on the merits of the above-captioned application, no certification or fee is required.

If any charges are deemed appropriate, applicants hereby authorize the U.S. Patent Office to charge any fee to our Deposit Account No. 50-1824 under our reference number 16517.247.

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